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Adam L. COHEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
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For: A FORCEPS AND COLLECTION)
ASSEMBLY WITH)
ACCOMPANYING MECHANISMS) Confirmation No. 4026
AND RELATED METHODS OF)
USE)

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Sir:

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Regarding the non-English language documents:

For DE 695 27 152 T2, Applicants believe that U.S. Patent No. 5,558,100 and EP 0 798 982 B1 are English language counterparts (these counterparts were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 17, 2005); and

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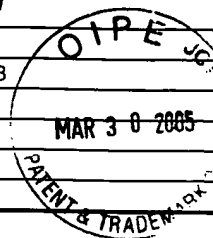
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